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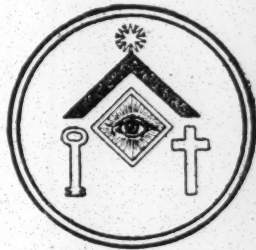
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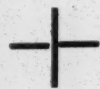
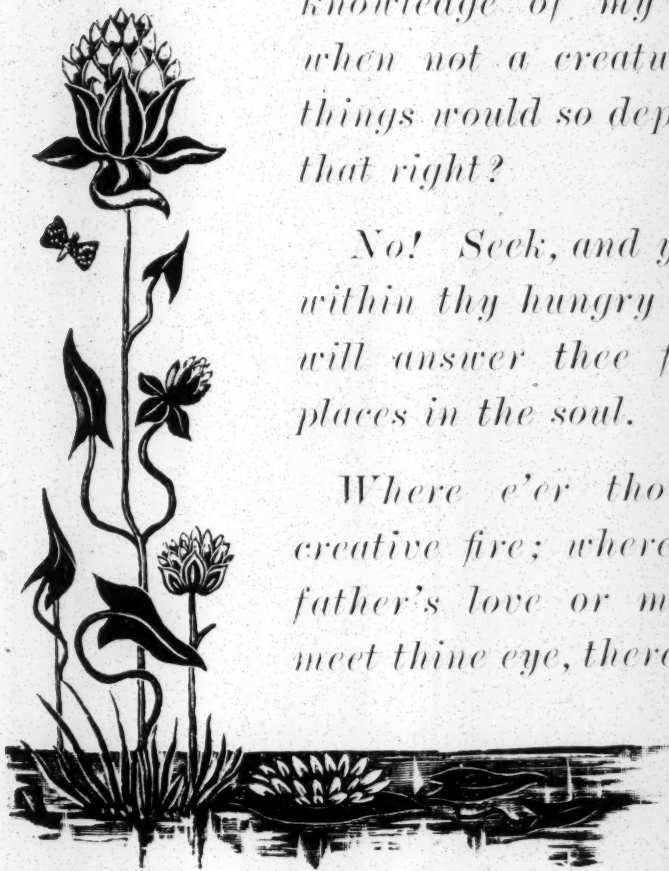
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things would so deprive its offspring of
that right?*

*No! Seek, and ye shall find me first
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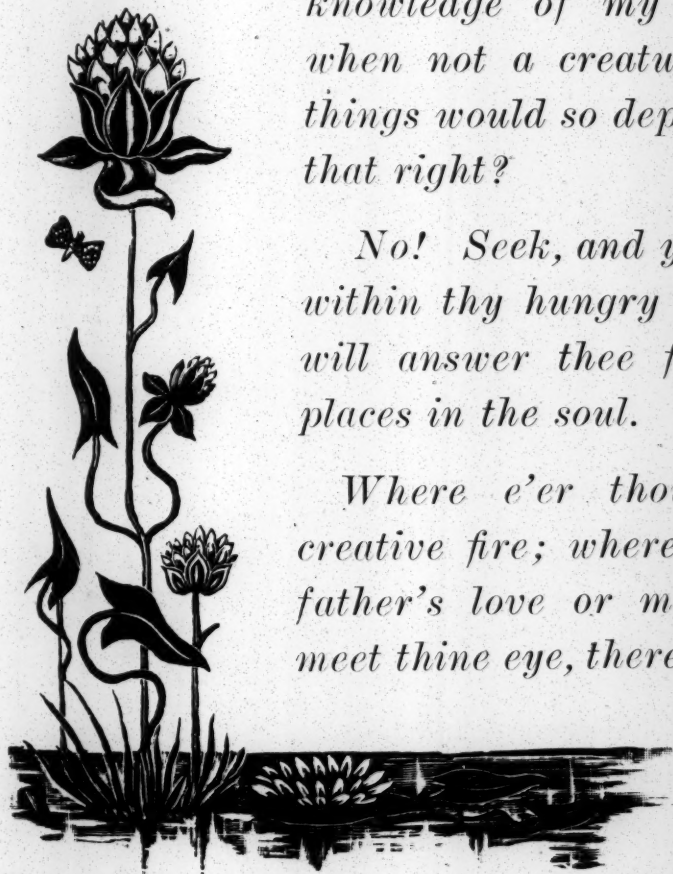
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THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF TEMPLE MEMBERS.

Temple members, resident and visiting, assembled in the parlors of the Halcyon Sanatorium on the evening of July 31. Here the program of meetings was announced, and the evening devoted to renewing old acquaintances and forming new. Fine musical selections were interspersed with social features. A splendid feeling of unity and brotherly friendliness pervaded this preliminary gathering. The musical selections by Dr. G. B. Little, Miss Agnes Liberty, J. O. Varian, Mrs. May Lowe, Mr. Otto Westfelt and Edgar Cheatham were of the usual high standard and much appreciated, as was also the piano monologues of Mrs. Lowe.

A very humorous tragic sketch original with and enacted in pantomime by Miss Lillian Clemmons Tanquary was much enjoyed.

Refreshments were served by the Reception Committee and the members dispersed to reassemble the next morning for the first meeting of the Convention.

FIRST MEETING OF THE CONVENTION.

The meeting was officially opened by Dr. W. H. Dower, followed by a piano selection by Mr. Edgar Cheatham.

Dr. Dower then invoked the blessings of the Masters of Light and Wisdom on all Convention meetings and deliberations. Mrs. F. A. La Due, Guardian in Chief, then read the Master's Message to the Convention.

THE MASTER'S MESSAGE.

Consciously or unconsciously many professedly students of occultism are making strong efforts to serve two masters, to travel two paths at one and the same time, and as is invariably the case they must fail of accomplishing their purpose. God and Mammon, righteousness and unrighteousness cannot meet and blend. The term mammon practically defines and includes all that is comprised in the commonly accepted idea of commercialism, and unfortunately not alone that which pertains to all the affairs of the material world but to the more important affairs of the soul.

The ravenous hunger of the soul drives the mental vehicle, as with a lash, into a struggle for freedom from its present bondage, and into unceasing search for such nourishment as will sustain it in form while it answers the demands of the Spiritual Self, while the demands of sense and the lower qualities combined in the physical and astral vehicles smother the cries of the soul and deceive the Lower Manas as to the character of those cries for sustenance.

This is practically an old story to you, and is only repeated by way of introducing the subject of the cause for the general discontent and dissatisfaction with the slow progress made in the line of spiritual knowledge and power as it is frequently expressed by those who entered the field of occultism in the belief that a few years of effort and study, a little self-denial and acceptance of the teachings anent the fundamental laws of life, would enable them to throw down the barriers between spirit and matter.

Every Master of the Great White Lodge, every Savior, from Krishna to Jesus, has taught that there is no area of neutrality between spirit and matter, between Christ and Belial.

The demands of sense gratification must give way that the soul may grow, otherwise there is no consciousness of individual contact with the planes of effort during the intervals between earth life and Devachan, and it is only upon those planes of effort that the individual soul of man can work for humanity and so raise its own consciousness to higher states of being. It has only been one here and there whose courage, devotion and endurance has been sufficiently strong to breast the waves of selfishness, passion and pain which meet them on the true path. False teachers have led many astray by claiming the possession of power to teach some easier, shorter method of attainment, and therefore into frittering away valuable time, effort and means when every moment, every effort, all means at your command are required to broaden the true path, and help to create the aforesaid neutral area that others may also have the advantage of your labor. If you would accomplish your divine mission, the self of matter must be relegated to a secondary place instead of, as now, occupying the first place in thought and ambition.

If your occasional efforts at self-denial, your moral victories, your devotion to right principles have been actuated by *personal* growth alone you are as much under the dominion of the spirit of commercialism as is the man who is wholly engulfed in modern business, for in both instances Greed is the dominating factor. It was that same spirit that led to the setting up of the golden calf as an object of worship by the Assyrians. It is the same spirit that is now driving humanity as with a lash into war, pestilence and famine, deceived by false ideas of patriotism, and goaded into all forms of inhumanity.

What wonder that individual man so often fails to perceive the action of the irrevokable law which governs the evolution of the soul—the law of self-sacrifice; what wonder that the requisite courage, unwavering conviction and power of incessant struggle against the foes of the Great White Lodge, therefore his foes, are only attainable by the single hearted when the ruling powers of the world narrows life down to such a small margin.

It is not to add to the discouragement and dissatisfaction of the many that I have brought this subject up at this most critical time, but for the purpose of showing you the futility of trying to travel two paths at one and the same time, and pointing out the cause of your failure to gain the spiritual power you long for, while unwilling or unable to tread the path marked out by the blood stained feet of those who have traversed it to the end, and then returned for the guidance of others who would take that path. If you are content to follow the path of the world—the path of self, and it may be karma has placed you thereon for its own ends, it is your inalienable

right; but in either instance, whether karma or inclination is responsible for your position in life, do not cavil at the slowness of your spiritual growth or let yourselves be deceived by the countless devotees of the black brotherhood thronging that path who would convince you that there is some shorter, easier method of reaching the supreme goal, for, I again repeat, there is only one way, and every full Initiate of the Great White Lodge has traveled that path.

It is quite possible for you to determine your karmic position by a process of reasoning. If you are convinced for any reason that implicit obedience to constituted authority will limit your development; if your power of self-sacrifice is insufficient to render you capable of surrendering every earthly tie, should it be demanded of you, if you are unable to cheerfully surrender everything you hold in your possession, whether of silver or gold, lands or houses; if you are physically unfit to perform the labor demanded of you, you may feel assured you have karmic debts to pay before you can traverse that path of power to the end. But you can enter it, and as debts are paid step farther and farther on in that path if you can cling closely to the truth of the essential unity of life, and change the desire for personal gain into the desire for universal gain.

If you have ever understood what the Temple truly is, have ever felt the hands outstretched to you or seen the light in the eyes of the Hierophant, the light ever shining to dispel the darkness on the path to the Temple gates, you will not longer question your desires; you will at least enter that path by taking up your end of the load others are now carrying for you and if karma permits will carry it on the foot of the Stone of Sacrifice on the Temple Altar—the end of the Path.

CONVENTION ADDRESS.

By the Guardian in Chief.

Dear Friends and Comrades:

With all my heart I give you hearty greeting and welcome you to this little window of the Great Temple, the window we term a Temple Convocation; a window through which those who will do so may catch a glimpse of the Altar decked with the flowers of devotion and compassion culled by countless generations of those who have worshipped before that Altar. If they do not catch that glimpse before we separate to go our ways again, it will surely indicate an unreached heart or a lack of intuitive discernment, for upon us is pouring the pure creative love force of the Great White Lodge which is striving to arouse us to a sense of duty and to bind us together in unbreakable bonds of brotherhood.

Daily and almost hourly the prophecies made by the Masters almost eighteen years ago are being fulfilled. Faster and faster the years seem to slip by and we are being forced by the law of Omnipotent Love into a closer self-examination, and into sorrow and regret for wasted opportunities, selfish indulgencies and careless indifference to the needs of others.

We know not what a day may bring forth to this nation and people of our love. There is a feeling of insecurity in the very air and as a general thing,

I think we feel the need of making preparation to meet the great events we have reason to believe are nearing. Truly this should be an era of earnest aspiration and unremitting endeavor.

Do we sufficiently realize the vast responsibility that is resting upon us individually as well as collectively? To no other body of people in this world has been given such a wealth of instruction and revelation as has been given to us in the past quarter of a century. What have we done to make it possible for others to receive the same? How many other souls have we brought to the Altar of the Temple? We may rest assured these questions will be put to us by one whose voice will reach much farther than mine; one who knows what the answer will be before it has passed our lips, and we cannot excuse ourselves for delinquency by pleading lack of faith, the offenses of others against us, financial depression or family requirements. We will then perceive the effects of what we have done or left undone to our lasting joy or sorrow. And it is by no means to members of the Temple of the People alone that my words are addressed.

If those words could compel the attention and consideration of all theosophists in the world today, it is possible they might be aroused to some realization of the responsibility now resting upon them. All too many of both the attached and unattached members of Theosophical bodies,—the individual souls of one great group soul,—are content to fritter away time and effort over different expositions and theories of ancient philosophy, arguments over conflicting statements, and what is still worse to quarreling with each other over utterly unprovable subjects, etc., ignoring the fact that they are living in a later age, an age of new beginnings and an age of Karmic fulfillment as well.

Valuable as they may be from one point of view, philosophical argumentation, and theoretical concepts of ancient religions are only valuable to us *now* as they may be applied to the solution of the problems confronting this new dispensation. The conditions which led to the acceptance of many phases of ancient philosophy in past ages, no longer obtain. A new age is forcing altogether different conditions. The parturition pains of the Great Mother are bringing to birth a new humanity, new conditions and new requisites for labor in all fields of life, and above all else in importance a new religion, a *scientific* religion.

It is of but little consequence whether the Vedas, the Upanishads or the Bible contain the most valuable data for the study of ancient or modern philosophy. Every reliable system of philosophy is founded on a simple code of fundamental laws which are sufficient for the guidance of the races to whom they are given.

The one essential thing at the present time is a realization of the imminence of the tremendous changes which will overwhelm masses of every nation upon the earth in the comparatively near future, and the one great question now is, what preparation have we made to meet these changes? Are we to be swept aside to make room for those who are better fitted, or are we to be of the elect, the prepared? It is up to us, individually and collectively to answer that question.

The past is a sealed book as far as effort is concerned. The present is the all-important thing; and let no one deceive himself as to the non-importance of his single life amidst the myriads of lives now functioning

upon earth. The fate of a nation may hang on the spiritual development of some one soul now in this earthly environment, and that development will depend upon faithfulness to the vows of Initiation, so far as Initiates of the Great White Lodge are concerned.

It is only that one boat that can carry the Initiate of the Temple safely through the tidal waves, the swirling currents and eddies of the changes even now upon us.

This first earth-life of each individual soul in this new dispensation may strike the key-note of all the incarnations to follow in this age, and as no body of people has been more faithfully taught, warned and encouraged than have the members of the Temple of the People, upon each one will rest more responsibility for the nature and conditions of succeeding lives than will rest upon those who have not had like advantages.

The bonds which bind us together are not of earthly forging, therefore they are far more lasting than are those which bind us to family, friends or home, and I think we all realize this fact when we are first brought together in such a convocation as this. Unfortunately too many permit other ties, other people and conditions, to dwarf that knowledge, and drift away on side currents of life. But it would seem, in view of the terrible effects of the present upheavals in all fields of manifested life, that we might more realize the necessity of easily anchoring ourselves to the one and only anchorage which assures us of stability and of future recognition of each other and of all those who belong to the same group-soul who are now working on other planes of existence.

I leave this thought with you in the hope that you will not permit it to sink out of mind in the days to come when pressure is brought more heavily to bear on you. If each one of us could say to ourselves, "it may be that the Temple work will rest entirely upon my worthiness and loyalty, and upon my efforts to build and maintain that one center for the Masters," there could be no such deprivation and hindrance as has been the rule in the past. And remember, every word of that statement made to the self by the self, may be as literally true on the physical plane, as it is now in a larger sense on the interior plane.

With deep love and appreciation, I am Your Sister.

Dr. G. B. Little then rendered a tenor solo, "Hear Me, O Lord," which was followed by the Report of the Temple Scribe, Mr. Ernest Harrison.

BY THE SCRIBE.

Report of the Scribe was brief and to the point and showed in substance that the work had held its own during the past year despite all the disintegrating forces so active in the world at this period. Letters was read by the Scribe from members unable to attend.

Mrs. May K. Lowe rendered a solo, "The Good Shepherd," followed by the report of the Treasurer, Mrs. J. W. Dower.

BY THE TREASURER.

Between a child taking its home for granted, and congratulating itself upon it, and the child who said, Mother, I have been praying God to love you as much as I do, how great the difference.

Between the artist delighted with his own skill, and felicitating himself upon it, and Haydn saying of his oratorio, "It isn't mine; from above it all came down," how sharp the contrast.

Beautiful is gratitude, and no organization has more cause to be grateful than the Temple.

Grateful for support sufficient to keep it intact during the present world struggle. Grateful to have been able to gradually decrease its printing debt when other and more imposing organizations have had to retrench or even cease to issue their periodicals. Grateful for the unusual interest shown and increasing effort made in these times of financial depression. Grateful for newer members coming forward to bear their share of responsibility, grateful for the determination manifested that the work shall go on.

Grateful for all things, though we have not yet fully cleared the slate of indebtedness as we had sincerely hoped.

A year ago we were in debt for over a year's printing. During the year we have kept up the current bills and decreased the old one-half. The members have been alive to this purpose as is shown by the fact that although the total sum of monies received is about one hundred dollars less than last year, the Helping Hand contributions are about that much on the increase.

Whenever the Helping Hand contributions are maintained it is always evidence of particular interest. Dues are an obligation assumed upon joining, but Helping Hand contributions are special offerings to help make things go.

True, they can go better, but if it were possible to disclose a definite knowledge of conditions as stated through letters received of the general financial situation from all sections of the country a much clearer understanding would be given. Members have not been able to contribute as their souls desired and yet they have given in many instances all they could possibly send after real sacrifice.

Various conditions during the past years have decreased the showing of figures of the general treasury, some of which are understood by the members of inner orders, but the general monies received throughout the Temple and its orders as a whole, are held largely at a common average. It is quite fair to say that a Helping Hand letter never goes out, but it brings return to more departments of the work than its own particular one, some being more drawn to special interior phases of the work but aroused by a presentation of the needs.

The facts we have yet to face, however, are—that we have not yet enough to meet all needs. THE ARTISAN has to be kept going, but in so doing the Temple headquarters proper, known as the Temple Cottage, has to depend upon other funds entirely for support—which are not sufficient in themselves. Insurance, taxes, and many other regular expenses should be covered by the general treasury, instead of by personal solicitations, anxiety, and resourcefulness on the part of the Guardian in Chief.

If the printing indebtedness could be cleared with a sweep, these running

expenses could be more easily met, if contributions were to be maintained regularly. And here it might be well to note that it is the regular definite contribution that counts more than all else, no matter what the amount.

The records show so many pledges given at the outset for a definite monthly contribution which dwindle into nothingness during a period of a year or less, leaving the work in a lurch in some crisis when bills fall due.

Beautiful is gratitude. What shall we give in return for that which has been bestowed upon us? If we could but give regular tithes of all we possess, realizing that we are under an unpayable indebtedness for all of our possessions. That what we have received is greater than anything we can give. That we are under obligation to the Lodge and to the race, with life not long enough for any man to clear, yet with an ever growing Presence coming into our midst, we would indeed bow the heart in humble gratitude.

Mr. John O. Varian sang a baritone solo, "David Singing Before Saul."

The assembly then recited in concert the "Words of Force," "Out of the darkness shineth the light of the glorified Triple Star, into the hearts of humanity, raising the pulse of the Cosmic Heart, and driving the shadows into the darkness of the great abyss."

Followed by the singing together of the Mantram, "Great Unifier, Spirit of Universal Harmony, Love and Wisdom, bind Thou in bonds of Holy Brotherhood, all Temple children."

Miss Agnes Liberty then rendered a soprano solo, "The Peace of God."

This was followed by Dr. W. H. Dower's annual address as official head of the Temple organization.

BY THE OFFICIAL HEAD.

Dear Comrades of the Temple:

As we study ancient literature, especially sacred literature, we find evidences of prophecies and prophets. We find that from time immemorial there have been men and women who were able to tell ahead of time events that were to occur. We find biblical literature full of records of those old Bible prophets which we in these Christian countries are most familiar with; and in other countries having other forms of sacred literature, we find the same evidences, showing that it is possible for human beings to know that which is to occur years and even ages before it does occur. That also illustrates the great point that there must be human beings so highly evolved, or so peculiarly evolved, if you wish to call it that, or so extraordinarily evolved that for the time being they become links between this outer material

plane and the inner spiritual plane; and that which is to occur on the outer plane may become known by coming into rapport or having one's consciousness correlated with the light of those inner planes.

This brings us naturally to the great truth which has been postulated by occult philosophers in ages past, that there is no time, that time is an illusion, that we live in the eternal *now*, and that if our human consciousness, our human personal consciousness, can just jump over the fence, so to speak, or attain a certain light, or a certain plane, it is capable of knowing and realizing what is to occur during the years to come, because on that plane the past and the future and the present are one—it is the eternal now, in other words.

For anyone to attain that condition necessitates a certain development, a development that makes such a being or soul or group of souls, as the case may be, a sensitive point in an otherwise blank selfish wall that shuts out humanity, human beings on this plane, from those planes which we call the spiritual ones, and which transcend our ordinary human consciousness,—and so these prophets are the sensitive points in this wall. They are the openings in the great opaque wall, in the great karmic wall of negation and selfishness, through which the light from within, the spiritual light, may shine.

There are also times when there are more of these points manifest in the great wall which shuts out humanity ordinarily,—times when those sensitive points are greater and larger or more numerous than at other times; and when we read of the prophets of the Bible, we may know that they were sensitive points in this great iron wall which shut humanity in. Through these prophets the light from God, the light from Deity, the light from the Masters who guide the evolution of the races of the earth were able to flow outward for the benefit of the world and humanity.

What we call the Temple aura, the Temple organization, is such a sensitive point in the great iron wall of darkness, negation and selfishness that shuts out humanity from knowing its real inner status and finding its real inner light and wisdom. And so it has been transmitting teachings and light and force into the aura of this world since its inception, being the natural consequence of the work of the Masters through Blavatsky.

The Temple was organized in 1898, and in the very first year of our organization we received a prophecy which was printed in *THE ARTISAN* at about that time. That prophecy you have read and heard read, and I am going to read it again, because at this time we see it working out terrifically and terribly.

"The Bear will growl at the Lion. The Eagle will alight on the Bear's head and pluck out its left eye. The Ox and the Lion will close in a struggle to the death. The Eagle, the Bear, the Ox and the Lion will form a Square, in the midst of which will arise the Architect who will rule the Earth."

In the report of the 1914 Convention in *THE ARTISAN* will appear my comments on this prophecy. Shortly after the Convention of last year another prophecy was received from the Master which seems to be a natural sequence of the one above quoted. This was printed in the November, 1914, *ARTISAN* and I will also repeat it here. It runs as follows:

PROPHECY.

The growl of the Lion has turned to the purr of a cat. The purr of the Cat has awakened a sleeping Snake which will strike its fangs into the heel of the Lion when the Lion turns to gather the spoils. The Ox has regained the seminals of a Bull. The Bull is pawing the earth to open the way for the fiery hosts. The Eagle has closed the wound in the Bear's left eye and loaned the Bear its wings for swift flight.

The Lion, the Bear, the Ox, the Eagle, the Bull and the Snake will form the Hexagon—the Sixth—from which the Square—the Fourth—will arise to build the Corner-stone for the feet of the Architect to rest upon.

This latest prophecy seems to be a more exterior aspect of the first one, or the first one assuming a more outer aspect. Here we have two additional symbols—the Cat and the Snake—to consider. The Cat is an evident aspect of the Lion, though it may also refer to another nation or tributary nation of the Lion. In other words, the Lion has ceased its roaring and to gain its ends purrs. This purring with the nations awakens a sleeping Snake, another nation or race, which might likely be the Oriental people like Japan and China as well as India.

In the previous prophecy the Ox was said to symbolize Germany or the Teutonic peoples. With the passage of time, say during the last forty years or since all of the German states were federated by Bismarck, the Ox has been co-ordinating itself—regaining its lost virility, lost during the centuries past by internal dissensions and feuds—until the German Federation has become a real Entity of Power with full virility. Since a year ago when the Great War broke out, it is very evident that the struggle to the death referred to in the first prophecy is on between the Lion and the Ox. So terrific is the struggle that it has involved practically the whole world. The pawing of the earth by the Bull the Teutonic peoples opens the way for the fiery hosts. This has literally occurred and the fiery hosts are pouring in. This is Karma and Fate combined. The fiery hosts will pour in from all sides and as a result, the planet and humanity be chastened and purified, all of which is a part of the process of preparation for the advent of the Great Avatar, the Architect who will bind the nations of the earth into a Great International Brotherhood. This must be so, it must come for it is so written, not only in the inner light, but on the scrolls of evolutionary law, and it is illustrated in all the evolving processes of nature in and around us.

Nature ever synthesizes, forms great and greater combination of forces and things and entities. In human sociology we can trace the evolution of the state from the family in prehistoric ages to the Clan, then the Clans combined and formed the Tribe and the Tribes combined and formed the Nation and now we are on the threshold where the Nations will all combined and form the Great World Federation, when our patriotism will be not for any single nation, but for the whole Federation. Then wars will cease and not before, and peace will reign as a dove on the bosom of the deep of human life. Then the true and real constructive energies of humanity will prevail and the forces of true Brotherhood become externalized in human life in all relations. Much more could be said relative to these prophecies, but members should keep them in mind and use their best intuitions in inter-

pretating these prophecies and watch as events unfold the trend, inner and outer, for the Master has said that these prophecies will work out literally, as it is so written on the Inner Light.

THE TEMPLE WORK FOR THE PAST YEAR.

We often stand so near events that we cannot judge correctly of their value. So in a work like that of the Temple we are doing things of great importance that only future generations will appreciate at their true worth. Some of these are the truths we are regularly putting forth in our literature and teachings. During the past year the Temple has issued the series of messages from the Masters under the title of "From the Mountain Top." If nothing else were done for one year in the Temple work, the publication of these great spiritual truths to the world would constitute a work of inestimable value. For these great Master messages to the world are now circulating more and more in the consciousness of humanity and the Force that inheres in these messages will and must do a most forceful work in preparing humanity for what is to come as well as being so wonderfully helpful to the individual soul. The Temple is assuredly indebted to Mrs. Briggs, through whose assistance, energy and devotion, the publication of the books was possible. Because of the Great Lodge forces inhering in these messages, members should try to help on the circulation of the book as much as possible. No better means of Temple propaganda could be found than by so doing. In addition to the publishing of the book, "From the Mountain Top," the Commentaries on "Theogenesis" has gone forth regularly in THE TEMPLE ARTISAN each month and we should all feel gratified that the Third Volume of Secret Doctrines promised by H. P. B. is on the way. This is a big fact—nothing could be more important.

Other features of THE TEMPLE ARTISAN are greatly appreciated also and in time to come many books and booklets can be compiled from its pages. THE TEMPLE ARTISAN is truly a mouthpiece for the Masters of Light. It may be a "still small voice," but it goes forth constantly and persistently and the voice is heard by many a one who is listening, and prepared for the truth it offers.

As all are aware the past year has been a trying year for the whole world. Financial conditions have been the very worst possible, the disintegrating forces have never been more active in the world among nations as well as in organization, yet the Temple has reason for gratitude. Members have done their best, we feel, in responding to our needs of printing and sustaining the work financially and our Temple financial condition is some better than last year, which is well. The Temple as a whole, at the Centre as well as elsewhere, has been tranquil. This is especially true of the Centre. With disintegration all around it, it has been in a very harmonious state and much constructive work done at the Centre and plans made for more. Not that it has not been hard and trying at the Centre because of all the conditions referred to, but to hold a steady Centre in these days means much and when the world shadows flee away greater light and greater opportunities must come.

FOR THE COMING YEAR.

The Master of all Masters alone knows what betides all mortals on this earth during the next year of time. For some years back all nature has

been convulsed. Earthquakes, volcanic eruptions followed by wars and more terrible wars indicate a critical stage of evolution in and with our planet. The masters are guiding that evolution, however, and we must know that all things work together for good and that it is our peculiar opportunity to make ourselves in the Temple aura a fit and ever more fit channel for transmitting the forces of Light and healing love from inner spheres.

We should strive to create in our minds the ever vitalizing thought and idea that we are all helping hands of the Great Lodge Work and each do our part in helping the Great Ones to uplift humanity and turn the forces in the right upward direction in this critical time. Work from the heart, in other words. With the heart rightly attuned the forces will be attracted to us and we will send them forth into the aura of the world and like a sword of light allied with other similar souls aspiring likewise a great uplift be given. In other words, by right of unselfish attitude, our spiritual Will, the sword of the Spirit is set free and works night and day without ceasing, with power and purpose for the liberation of the races of the earth from bondage of all kinds. This in general would seem to be our attitude in and for the world for the coming year especially.

As the Temple is a direct channel for the Forces of the Master of Light we should in particular strive to disseminate that Light as far and as widely as possible. In all our relations with our fellows who are not Templars, show by act and word that we are sons and daughters of a King of Light of that Master Head of our Hierarchical Ray whom we see named outwardly as Hilarion. This means, to be ever helpful in true ways, promoting the spirit of Unity and true brotherhood everywhere.

In particular also all members should send out Temple literature and leaflets, everywhere filling the air with thoughts of the Temple, what it is, and so exciting curiosity and calling attention to the fact that in the Temple each and every soul can find that truth which shall make it free and help it on its way home, to that home of light from which it has strayed.

The keynote of our times and the keynote to action is summed up in one of the first messages given by the Great Master to the Temple 17 years ago and which is first appeared in *THE ARTISAN* at that time and is now published with others in "From the Mountain Top." The force of this great message portended the most momentous changes and effects on the planet, that tremendous forces were stirring on inner realms to effect outer changes, that great Entities were at work, that all nature would be stirred to the foundations necessary for the forces of the new cycle and the new order of things to be ushered in. Study this message, meditate upon it, identify your consciousness with the Light in it and you will find Wisdom and Light on all that has transpired during the past 18 years and will transpire until the Forces of Mammon are overthrown and a world Federation of the Nations born cemented in the eternal ties of a true Brotherhood of man and Father-Motherhood of God. The message:

TO MY BELOVED

Arouse ye! arouse ye! Children of the New Covenant. Why stand ye in the public places idle throughout the busy day? The war of the ages is upon thee—the strife between the Sons of Universal Light and the Brothers

of the Shadow. The long list of the Sons of Betrayal, the Judas power of the accumulated ages, hath its arms about thy neck and is pressing upon thy cheek the kiss that bringeth crucifixion.

Awake! thou that sleepest, and the Logos shall shine upon thee. The Christ in thine own soul whispers: "Be of good courage. I have overcome the world." The days of preparation are upon thee. Gird on that armor of righteousness which is the heritage of every Son of the Living God, and strike for the freedom of the races of the earth from the clutch of the Beast, the embodied Mammon who now holdeth in subjection the children of Man.

Think ye that no protest rises to the seventh heaven from the murdered Abels of the long past ages? Think ye the Law hath lost its power because its judgments tarry long? Become one with the Law. Enter thou the Holy of Holies with unsandalled feet and uncovered head, that the forces of Love, Law and Life may flow unobstructed through the Stone of Sacrifice upon which thou standest, and the return wave bear to thee the spiritual essence that shall make thee free. In freedom lies thy strength.

The sword of the Spirit shall be thy reward, and He whom thou lovest shall lead thee to living waters, for He is the Warrior of Light, the Unconquerable, for whom the hour shall never strike. He is thine own true Self, and when thy shadows flee away thou shalt behold the King in His beauty and holiness.

Mr. Otto Westfelt then sang a tenor solo, "Invictus."

DR. DOWER—During the past year some of our Temple comrades have passed from this plane of activity to another plane of activity. They are not dead, they are alive—more alive than they were in these limited bodies of matter. During previous years other Temple comrades have also passed that way. And on the other side we have a goodly company of Templars, not dead—*alive*; and we may be sure that they are with us, working with us and for us in the subjective realm of our being, as much as though they were here, and they may be able to do many times more because they are not so limited, perhaps, as we are, having greater opportunities and being nearer the Fountain of Life, being nearer the Masters of Life and Light, being nearer the Godhead, according to their status of evolution. And so it is fitting that we think of them, that we recognize them, that we pay tribute to them today, that they be not forgotten.

Mr. Varian then read the following poems by him in memory of Mrs. Hoisington and Mr. Leitch:

To Mrs. L. H. Hoisington.

THE WAY OF ETERNITY.

We need not be keening the sister
 Of the helping hand and kindly heart.
 It is not sorrow should be with us,
 And she dropping the heavy burden of matter.
 The hero soul is going inward now,
 The battle-worn soldier is going to her healing.
 The long hands of God Love are hovering
 Over her and about her in blessing.
 She who gave her own spirit
 In the nursing of soldiers.
 It is the wonder spirit of Lugh Eldana,
 (The Christos) will be at her curing.

She has thrown away, at last,
 The decrepit garment of age;
 She has given back to the earth
 The body of earth.
 Young she is with the ever-living,
 Eternal youth out of the ages of existence;
 Clothed she is in the light and glory
 And shining, radiant beauty of Revelation;
 Guarded she is by the Shining Ones,
 The hosts of Light.
 In the ranks of the hero hosting
 Of the Gods she is a soldier now.
 She will bring healing to the earth,
 And illumination and light.

To Mr. George Leitch.

THE OLD WARRIOR.

The old tried, golden-hearted warrior
 Is gone to his consummation,
 He who was ever true and staunch,
 And a kindly word in his mouth,
 And a kindly action in his hands,—
 He whose mind was a kindly mind,
 And whose heart was a loving heart.
 He has gone through the illuminated,
 Wonderful portals of Death.

The weakness of age
 Will be passing from him now,
 For the magic kiss of Angus Og,
 (The Spirit of Youth) will drive the age
 Out of his mind and soul;
 He will listen to the Daga's music,

He is hearing Bridi, the poetess of the
High Gods, chanting the wonder of beauty;
He is marching in the army of Lugh Eldana,
He is worshiping in the deep glory
Of that shining splendor.
Go on your way inward, sturdy warrior.
It is the love out of the hearts of comrades
Will be about you and under you and over you,
And you traveling the road.

Dr. Little and Mr. Varian then sang a duet, "Oh Breathe Not His Name."

Dr. Little was called on for remarks, and spoke in part as follows:

While we are gathered together here, enjoying the friendship and comradeship of this convention, let us remember those isolated members who have never known what it is to touch the hand or hear the voice of a fellow Templar. We have members here today who have been isolated almost to the point of heart-break, often in a place where it was difficult to know what was the next step in the Path. But still the fact remains that isolated members are standing loyal to the response to the great Master Magnet. There are such members scattered in the various states of the Union north and south, in various parts of Mexico and Canada and in Alaska, in France, in Sweden and in India. There are those, also, who are not members but who are subscribers to THE ARTISAN and correspondents, even in such out-of-the-way places as West Africa and Borneo.

Besides those who have not had the comfort and strength and fellowship of coming into contact with other Templars, there is also the isolation of those who, like ourselves, have been privileged to meet together and yet who stand alone within themselves, hungering for the ability to voice the things that they dimly feel and see or to understand the voice and vision of those with whom they come in contact. Every one of us has known the isolation which comes to us in this work. It is an isolation which must come.

It is a curious fact in the present condition of the Temple life that while, as iron filings all respond to the attraction of the magnet, the Temple work is being carried on by the individual response to the Great Master Magnet. Yet in the lesser centers there seems to be an inhibition of the power of the lesser magnet, so that the smaller groups of members are held together in co-ordination with

great difficulty. Yet, in spite of this fact, there is a concerted activity within the Temple ranks because of the individual response to the drawing of the Great Master Magnet.

It is true, of course, in the constitution of things, that only those who are able to stand alone are truly able to become component parts of a mutual group, because only in this case does the individual strength become welded into a community strength. Otherwise, individual weaknesses are simply swelled into a larger and more concentrated exhibition of weakness.

So the point I wish to make is this—that the work of the Temple seems to be carried on by *individuals* here and there, whether inside or outside of a Square, who are responding to the pull of the Great Master Magnet; and the pull we have as a group is because *individually* we have, to some measure responded to the Master Magnet.

Let us turn our thoughts, then, in love and support to our isolated brothers and sisters who are standing loyal to the call which they hear in their hearts and are holding their points as Temple outposts, and to those others who, while not actually members of the Temple organization, are still truly responding to the real spirit of the Temple service and activity.

Mr. Varian was then called on as the father of the Palo Alto Square and gave a little talk of welcome and love and encouragement to the numerous members of that Square present.

Miss Liberty and Dr. Little then sang a duet, "Lead Us, O Father."

Then followed the recitation in concert of the mantrams,

"I believe that in me dwelleth every good and perfect spirit. Believing this, I will show forth this day, by thought, word and deed, all that perfection that dwelleth in me.

"I am one with God and all good, evil hath no power over me.

"Though clouds and darkness seem to be about me, yet dwell I eternally in the light."

With the singing of the Consecration Hymn, the meeting adjourned.

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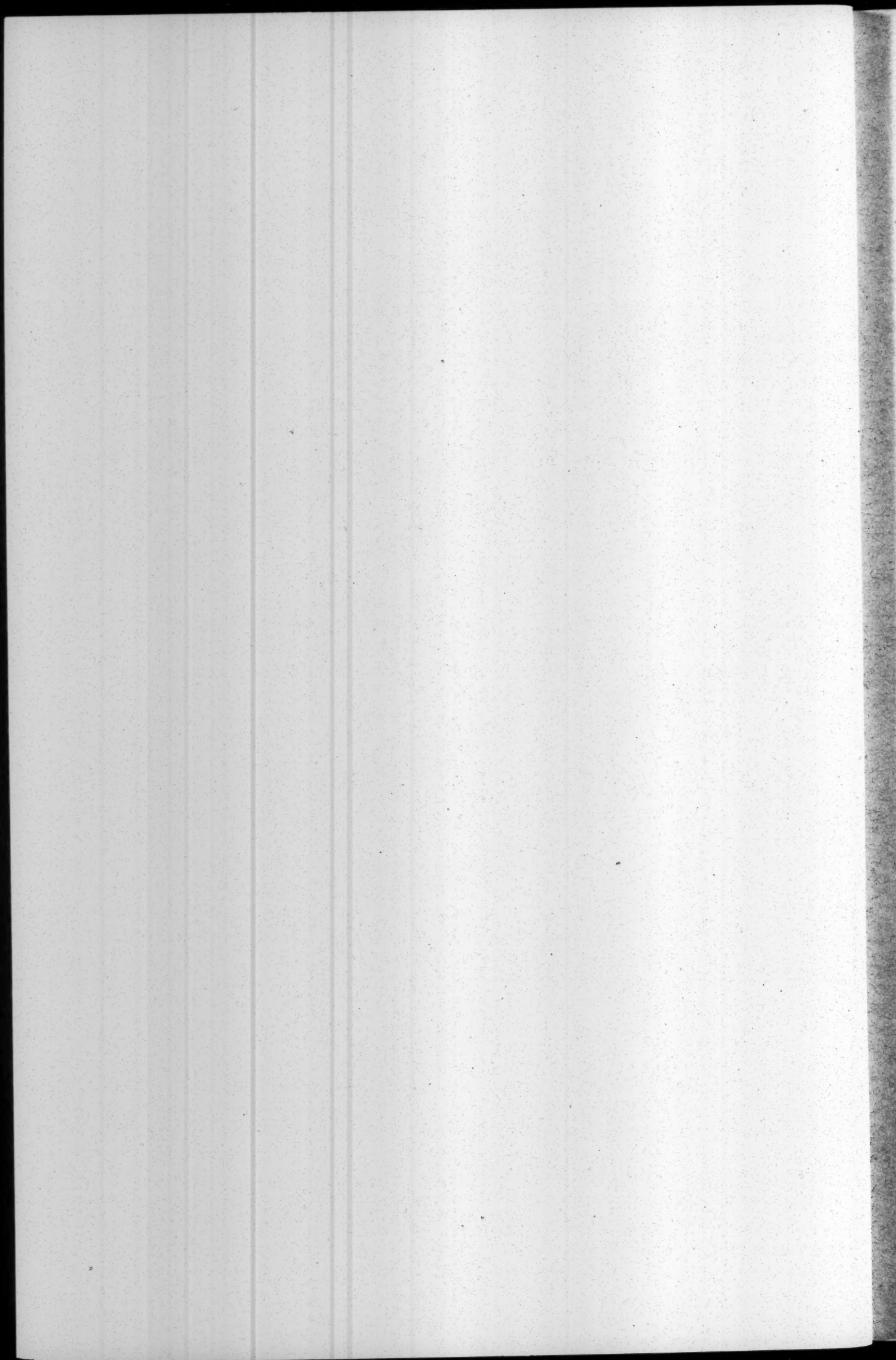
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